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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Brewer et al.

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Examiner: M. Patel

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Title: DETERMINATION OF MASK FITTING PRESSURE AND CORRECT MASK FIT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 1, please insert the following new paragraph

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

a1 This application is a Divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/469,954, filed December 21, 1999, the specification of which is incorporated by reference for all purposes.

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 7, lines 4-9 as follows:

During the Mask-Fit mode, the microcontroller 38 continuously determines mask leak

a2 as the value,  $f_{LEAK}$ , as described above, comparing this to a threshold, typically of 0.2 l/s, and providing the patient with a visual indication 44 of degree of leak. This threshold represents